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SUBJECT: DEBORCHGRAVE/ SADAT INTERVIEW

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1. IN REFTTEL WE REPORT DEBORCHGRAVE INTERVIEW WITH SADAT. ITS MINATORY TONE CANNOT IN PRUDENCE BE IGNORED. IT MAY BE THAT SADAT IS TRYING TO FORCE US HAND WITH COMBINATION OF INNUENDO AND BRAVADO; WHETHER OR NOT HE ACTUALLY INTENDS TO START A FIGHT, IT IS PRETTY CLEAR HE WANTS USG TO THINK HE DOES.

2. SADAT' S VERSION OF ANTECEDENTS OF HAFEZ ISMAIL' S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IS ENTIRELY NEW TO ME. IF THERE IS ANY FOUNDATION IN FACT FOR SADAT' S VERSION, OR IF FACTS ARE OTHERWISE, I FEEL I MUST HAVE THE FULL STORY IF I AM TO BE IN A POSITION EFFECTIVELY TO REPRESENT US VIEWPOINT WITH GOE. KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS BEFORE DEBORCHGRAVE' S STORY APPEARS IN PRINT WILL BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT.
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